

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

There is evident desire in several sections of the democratic party to make the selection of a Speaker for the House hinge upon whether free-traders or protectionists are in the ascendency in the next congress.

Such a contest would be suicidal to the democracy, and could not but divide the representatives of that organization at Washington upon doctrines which have not been advocated or approved by that party, and be just such a mistake as its enemies have predicted it would fall into previously to the presidential election.

The main object of the democracy heretofore has been to conserve liberty, and leave industry to exert its powers as it pleased. The greatest obstacle that has been encountered by it is the taxation necessary for modern government, which not only imposes heavy personal burdens, but lessens individual ability to meet them.

The constitution provides only two ways of raising governmental revenues, the levying of duties and the imposition of direct taxes. The democratic party has interposed no objection to the latter when national necessity rendered resort to them unavoidable; but at the same time it has always regarded indirect taxation as especially burdensome and detrimental, and insisted that levies of it ought to be temporary and always to cease and be withdrawn with the passing away of the necessity that justified them.

Furthermore, neither the so-called free trade nor protectionist democrats favor increase of direct taxation, without which a free trade administration cannot be supported. In fact, had the republicans in congress seen fit to have wholly abolished the internal revenue system last winter, such action would have received as large a democratic endorsement as was given to the bill materially reducing it.

In view of all this, and the further fact that with the abolishment of direct taxation next winter it will be impossible to construct a sufficient and judicious revenue tariff that will not impart to industry and enterprise all the encouragement and protection they have a right to expect, it is difficult to conceive why the democracy in congress should divide as free traders and protectionists, or how that could be done without departure from democratic traditions.

Certainly there is no necessity for such a division, or the least occasion for the adoption of any other test in the selection of a speaker than that of superior fitness for the position.

Coffin for a Kitchen. Dropsy is generally fatal and sudden. A case has just come under the notice of the editor of this paper where a woman actually outgrew it, or at least outlived it. In 1866, Mr. Hamilton Hall was sheriff of Audrain county, and had charge of the county poor farm. A colored woman named "Big Sis," was on the farm, and was afflicted with dropsy. She was as big as an elephant. Mr. Hall was going away for a few days, and "Big Sis" was not expected to live a day. No coffin could be bought big enough to hold her, and he had one made. "Big Sis" did not die, but lives today in South Mexico as hale and hearty as any woman. She uses her coffin for a summer kitchen.

The LEDGER, as usual, got a scoop on the news of the arrest of the incendiaries last week. The arrests were made at 1 p. m. and two hours later the LEDGER had several thousand extras, giving full particulars, in the hands of an anxious but rejoiced public. Nothing has happened in Mexico for some time that caused more general satisfaction than the arrest of the parties concerned in the burning. Now if the parties who poisoned the dogs can be caught Mexico will have a day set apart for a jubilee.

Carrollton, Illinois, wants water works. At least it thinks it does. If pipes are run from the streets into the residences that town will have as good a system of water works as there is in the world. We could imagine what a dog would want with two tails or what use a fish would make of a powder magazine, but what Carrollton wants water works for is a mystery to us.

Bro. Jackman, of the Laddonia Enterprise, did not rest well the first of this week. He was afraid the cold snap would kill his pumpkins, or set back his watermelons. If the weather don't change, he will have new vegetables and fruit in a few days. He has the contract to supply a leading wholesale house in Liverpool with early onions and late cots.

A well-known married couple of this city are making headway toward a quiet separation or public divorce. They have been married a number of years, have no children to fight over, and we suppose both parties desire their freedom. The case will not be a very tedious one.

Rev. J. C. Armstrong has returned from earnest and good work in the Lord's vineyard at Jefferson City. We don't know of any town in the State that affords a larger, more comprehensive, wide, "without any limit," field of labor for a minister than Jefferson City.

Our old friend, James M. Atkinson, of Audrain, spent several days in the Kingdom last week visiting relatives. He is a native Callawayian and used to be considered one of the good boys. He called on us and we talked over the days of "Auld Lang Syne" and were happy.—Callaway Gazette.

AN EQUESTRIAN TURNS FARMER.

The Champion Bareback Rider Buys the Black Place in St. Louis County.

From the Globe-Democrat. There is none better known among circus celebrities than James Robinson, who has a reputation as a bareback rider that extends as far as the circus is known and loved. The present season, for which Mr. Robinson is engaged to W. W. Cole, will make the thirty-fourth in which he has seen continuous service inside the sawdust ring, and during this time, unlike many of his associates in the profession, he has acquired a competency for himself and family.

The circus season never lasts for more than six or eight months of the year and during the time in which the shows are in winter quarters Mr. Robinson has devoted himself to farming upon the most improved methods. His property of 920 acres in Audrain county, eight miles north of Mexico, this State, has long borne the reputation of being the finest improved farm in the State, and there he has raised valuable blood stock and carried on farming operations in a way to astonish his less thrifty neighbors.

Mr. Robinson, however, desired to live nearer this city, and disposed of his Audrain county property for \$45,000, taking in exchange the W. L. Black place in St. Louis county, allowing \$40,000 for it. This place is situated a mile and one-half from Baden and about one mile from Jennings. The farm includes sixty acres of land, and the buildings are well adapted to the best style of farming.

The addition of a ring house in which to train and exercise his horses and keep himself in practice will be the only move that Mr. Robinson will at present make in the way of building. He expresses himself greatly pleased with his new place, and expects to spend his winters there and retire to it permanently when he gives up riding in public.

FROM LADDONIA. Correspondence of the Ledger. LADDONIA, Mo., April 23.—We have been having a Wiggins storm for the past week, and the carpenters have a hard time to keep the new buildings standing, but so far they have succeeded. Last Saturday was one of the windy days, and houses shook, the trees bowed, the people went flying, and poor cattle and horses and smaller animals lay down and grabbed the short grass with their teeth to keep from being wafted away by the summer breeze. This is a cold and windy day, the thermometer is most down to freezing point, and the people that gathered greens for dinner a few days ago have donned their winter clothing, procured a sieve and are now sifting the small mites of coal that are scattered round from the dirt to make fires with. The bright little violets have dropped their heads because they can't show their spring costume, the farmer plants his corn with his overcoat on, and merchants and milliners shiver when they look at their big supply of spring and summer goods on hands. Such is life. Old winter don't always die when we want him to.

Mr. C. W. Alexander was ordained as a Baptist minister last Sunday at the Baptist church. Elder Rogers, of Bowling Green, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Sparks, of Fayette county, delivered the charges, and Elder G. B. Smith presented the Bible to the candidate. The ceremonies were beautiful and impressive, and although the house was crowded the best order prevailed. Rev. Sparks was for about three years principal of La Grange College, and is a gentleman of high scholarly attainments.

Miss Nellie Davis, who was announced to read here last winter, has sent bills announcing a reading for the 27th.

Rev. Parks, of near Perry, was in town Monday on business.

Mrs. Judge Wilder has been quite sick for the past few days.

The drummers say Laddonia is the liveliest town they meet with on the road; that all the merchants of every order buy more liberal, and sell more goods than any town of its size on the road. There is still room for more, and a good mill is badly needed—don't forget that.

Miss Nora Branstetter's class in music is progressing rapidly. She is a fine musician, and a good teacher. Another wedding! Yes; it may cause some to weep and others to smile, but we won't tell about it just yet.

The Moberly Monitor, speaking of the gentlemen who are talking of starting a wagon factory in Mexico, says: "Mr. J. M. Williams of Renick is, it is said, ready to take \$10,000 stock in a factory at Mexico. While we should be loth to part with Milt, we may say that his success in the past is sufficient earnest of his operations for the future, and should he be induced to go to that enterprising place, Renick will have lost and Mexico gained a most excellent and enterprising citizen."

St. Paul's church, Mexico, which has cost, since it was built, more to stiffen and strengthen it than it originally cost, and which was thought at last to be pretty secure, received a twist in a storm six weeks ago, which will almost compel the erection of a new building. If this can be done it will allay the fears which have been always expressed by many at the creaking of the old frame during any high wind, and which has affected always the congregation.—St. Louis Church News.

From what we can learn St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city is to be rebuilt.

J. M. Beshears and family will leave for Mexico the first of next week to reside. We are sorry to see one of our best citizens leave us, and particularly one who has done as much for the town as Mr. Beshears. He has probably done more than any other man to improve and advance the interests of Vandalia. He has also a pleasant family which will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go with them.—Vandalia Leader.

"Without joking, will you tell us what kind of a thing a 'dude' is?" asks a lady correspondent. Certainly; a "dude" is no thing. It is merely an apology for a human being, and is too weak to be bad and too tame to be wild.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the MEXICO SAVINGS BANK, at Mexico, Audrain County, State of Missouri, at the Close of Business on the 14th day of April, 1883.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various assets and liabilities with their respective values.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF AUDRAIN, J. Wm. Stuart, President, and Jno. M. Marmaduke, Cashier of said bank, and each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief, and that we are duly qualified to make the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of April, A. D. 1883. Witness my hand and notarial seal hereto annexed, at office in Mexico, Mo., the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 12, 1885.)

Fine Kentucky Saddle Stallion, Denmark, Junior. Will stand the present season (which has commenced at A. M. Harrison's stable, southeast of Mexico, near brick yard, and end July 1st.)

Denmark, Jr., is a beautiful chestnut sorrel, now in the prime and vigor of life, is 7 years old, stands 16 hands high, with as much get-up and finish as any horse in the State. He is a fine saddle and has a kind and gentle disposition, and I have no hesitation in saying he is a good breeder as has been proven. His pedigree is without blemish.

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PEDIGREE. Denmark, Jr., was sired by Billie Cromwell, he by Scott's Denmark, and he by Washington. His dam was Mason Whip, a thoroughbred mare.

Care taken to prevent accidents, but not responsible should any occur. A. M. HARRISON.

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DR. W. C. PIPINO, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE—Up stairs, in Harper's new block, northeast corner of the public square. Special attention to Surgery and Diseases of the Eye and Ear.

Notice of Final Settlement. NOTICE is hereby given that I, as administrator of the estate of Tina and Julia Scannell, will at the May term, 1883, make my final settlement as guardian of said estate. HANNAH SCANNELL, Guardian.

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